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the desired 4-amino-5-bexenoic acid, and optionally converting said acid to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

## REMARKS

The Office Action of August 18, 1993 has been received. Claim 1, the only claim pending, has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant submits that Claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance.

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